

Virtual Charades

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Playing virtual charades is meaningful because it brings people together through laughter and shared experiences, even when they're apart. The game encourages creativity and expression, helping participants connect on a deeper level as they interpret and guess each other's actions. It's a fun, inclusive activity that breaks down barriers, promotes teamwork, and creates a sense of community, making everyone feel involved and valued.

TIME

15+ minute set up. Unlimited play.

MATERIALS

- A list of words or phrases (you can create your own or use an online charades generator or use the examples listed below)
- A device with a camera for the video call (like a phone, tablet, or computer)
- OR play in person
- A group of friends or family members to play with



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Set Up the Video Call (optional):** Choose a video call platform that everyone can easily use (Zoom, Google Meet, or Skype). Share the meeting link with everyone who's playing. Make sure everyone's camera is on and they have enough space to move around.
2. **Explain the Rules:** Let everyone know that one person will act out a word or phrase, and the others will try to guess what it is. No talking, pointing to objects, or using any props! You can only use your body and facial expressions. Set a time limit for each round (like 1-2 minutes) to keep the game moving.
3. **Pick the First Player:** Choose who will go first. They can pick a word or phrase from the list or use a random generator. The chosen word or phrase should be kept secret from the other players.
4. **Start the Acting:** The first player starts acting out the word or phrase without speaking. Everyone else watches and tries to guess what they're acting out.
5. **Guess and Guess Again!** Players shout out their guesses while the actor continues acting. If someone guesses correctly, the actor confirms it, and that person gets a point (or just the satisfaction of being right!).
6. **Pass the Turn:** Once the word is guessed or time runs out, the next person takes a turn. Keep the game going until everyone has had a chance to act out a few words.
7. **Celebrate and Have Fun:** After everyone has had a few turns, celebrate the funniest moments and most creative acting. You can even declare a "Best Actor" or "Most Creative Guesser" for extra fun!

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RESOURCES

- How to use Zoom: [Getting started guide for new users](#)
- How to use Google Meet: [Start or schedule a Google Meet video meeting - Android](#)
- How to use Apple Facetime: [Make FaceTime calls on iPhone - Apple Support \(CA\)](#)
- How to use Skype: [How do I get started with Skype? - Microsoft Support](#)
- How to use Microsoft Teams: [Get started with Microsoft Teams](#)
- Charades category generator: [Get Charades Ideas](#)

SUPPORTS NEEDED

Some individuals may need assistance in setting up the video call and operating the technology.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Example Words/Phrases to Act Out:

- Actions: Brushing teeth, dancing, swimming
- Animals: Cat, elephant, bird
- Things: Ball, book, telephone
- Movies/TV Shows: Superman, SpongeBob, Frozen

Encourage over-the-top acting—it makes the game more entertaining! Adjust the difficulty of words based on the group's age and abilities. Keep the atmosphere light and silly, so everyone enjoys themselves.